

The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 1973-13

No. 90 **AN ORDINANCE** AMENDING CHAPTER 16, SECTION 13
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE RELATIVE TO
OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WAYS OF TRAVEL AND RESIDENTIAL PICKETING.

Approved March 9, 1973

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Section 16-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) No person shall stand on any footwalk, sidewalk, parking lot, doorstep or in any doorway in this City as to obstruct a free passage for foot passengers; or to hinder or delay, passers-by or persons residing or doing business in the vicinity thereof."

"(b) Any person obstructing any footwalk, sidewalk, parking lot, step or doorway shall move immediately when requested to do so by a police officer."

SECTION 2. "Residential Picketing".

"1. Declaration. It is hereby declared that the protection and preservation of the home is the keystone of democratic government; that the public health and welfare and the good order of the community require that members of the community enjoy in their homes and dwellings a feeling of well-being, tranquility, and privacy, and when absent from their homes and dwellings, carry with them the sense of security inherent in the assurance that they may return to the enjoyment of their homes and dwellings; that the practice of picketing before or about residences and dwellings causes emotional disturbance and distress to the occupants; obstructs and interferes with the free use of public sidewalks and public ways of travel; that such practice has as its object the harassing of such occupants; and without resort to such practice full opportunity exists, and under the terms and provisions of this ordinance will continue to exist for the

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all
exercise of freedom of speech and/other constitutional rights;
and that the provisions hereinafter enacted are necessary for
the public interest to avoid the detrimental results herein
setforth."

"2. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in
picketing before or about the residence or dwelling of any
individual."

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its
passage.

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